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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS, ARA, FROM AMB

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SUBJ: SECURITY THREAT IN ARGENTINA AND THE STATUS OF THE
US MISSION

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1. I APPRECIATE VERY MUCH YOUR MOST THOUGHTFUL TELEGRAM
SETTING FORTH THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON THE SECURITY THREAT
THAT FACES THIS MISSION AND ITS PERSONNEL.
2. WE WILL SEND YOU A CURRENT BREAKDOWN OF US GOVERNMENT
PERSONNEL IN BUENOS AIRES BY AGENCY. THE QUESTION OF WHERE
AND HOW TO REDUCE THE STAFF IS A COMPLEX ONE INASMUCH AS
IT INVOLVES DECISIONS ON THE CURTAILMENT OR REDUCTION OF
WHAT HERETOFORE HAD BEEN CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES.
3. THE EMBASSY SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE HAS BEEN CHARGED TO
REVIEW OUR CURRENT STAFFING PATTERN IN THE LIGHT OF THE
PRESENT THREAT AND ITS LIEKLY EVOLUTION. I WILL INFORM YOU
OF MY RECOMMENDATIONS AS SOON AS WE HAVE COMPLETED OUR
REVIEW.
4. VISITS BY BOWDLER AND ORTIZ NEXT WEEK WILL GIVE US TIMELY
OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS ISSUES RELATED TO TERRORISM AND
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